

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### SARAH JENNINGS RETIREMENT FROM THE CBO

#### HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Sarah Jennings on her retirement after more than 19 years of exceptional service to the Congress at the Congressional Budget Office. Sarah will be retiring at the end of August. After working as a civilian nuclear test engineer for the U.S. Navy, an economic consultant, and an instructor at George Mason University, she began her congressional career in CBO's Budget Analysis Division in 1999. She worked as a principal analyst and then as the unit chief for the Defense, International Affairs, and Veterans' Affairs Cost Estimates Unit.

During her time at CBO, Sarah has been recognized as a knowledgeable and experienced manager. As the third longest tenured unit chief in the Budget Analysis Division, she has extensive knowledge of the program accounts in her unit and fosters an outstanding collegial environment where analysts respect each other and work well together.

Sarah has established an exceptional working relationship with the Armed Services Committees, which allows CBO to work on the proposals for the annual National Defense Authorization Act in an effective manner. During her tenure, she has taken a strategic and methodical approach to the analysis of legislative proposals as she assists her analysts in considering the budgetary effects of different proposals. Her support has made an important contribution to the Armed Services Committees' success in achieving the timely enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act each year. She deserves a well-earned retirement.

In short, with Sarah's retirement, the Congressional Budget Office will lose a great asset. Over the past 19 years, the Congressional Budget Office—and by extension, the Congress itself—has been fortunate to enjoy the dedication and insight that Sarah has brought to her work. I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Sarah for her service to our nation, and our very best wishes for a happy and productive retirement.

### HONORING THE CAREERS OF WEST GENESSE LACROSSE COACHES MIKE MESSERE AND BOB DEEGAN

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the careers of West Genesee lacrosse coaches Mike Messere and Bob Deegan.

In a career lasting over forty years, Coach Messere was responsible for leading the West Genesee Men's Lacrosse program to 846 wins and 15 New York State Class A Championships. Since the late 70s, Coach Messere brought unparalleled success to the program by instilling a mentality of hard-nose fundamental play into his players. Coaching alongside him for much of his career, Coach Deegan played an integral role in sustaining the program's long-term success by developing and implementing some of the most accomplished defensive schemes.

Thanks to the contributions made by Coach Messere and Coach Deegan, lacrosse is thriving in Central New York and has now become the fastest growing sport in the country. Over the course of their careers, hundreds of players who have gone through this distinguished program have later won national championships at the collegiate level and even become coaches of their own teams. Now as the careers of these coaches comes to a close, the two can rest assured that their legacy in the sport of lacrosse will live on in Central New York and beyond.

I am proud to honor the legendary careers of Coach Messere and Coach Deegan and want to thank them for spurring excitement and participation in the sport of lacrosse.

### IN APPRECIATION OF COLLEEN ALTSTOCK AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY COM- MITTEE

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, as the Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise to express my appreciation of Ms. Colleen Altstock upon the conclusion of her service to the Committee as a Pearson Foreign Policy Fellow and return to the Department of State.

Since joining the Committee in September 2017, Ms. Altstock has made valuable contributions to our legislative and oversight work by sharing her vast knowledge of counterterrorism and foreign affairs, especially with respect to U.S. policy toward Russia and China. She has been a reliable resource to both our staff and the Members of the Committee.

During her tenure on the Committee, Ms. Altstock shared her extensive knowledge of State Department programs such as its visa vetting and foreign assistance programs, including its counterterrorism grant and anti-corruption rule of law assistance programs. Ms. Altstock made valuable contributions to our staff's understanding of the State Department's visa operations by arranging a staff visit to State consular training facilities so that my staff could observe firsthand State's visa screening and fraud prevention techniques. Finally, Ms. Altstock prepared background

memoranda on U.S. relations with Russia, North Korea, and Iran, including President Trump's Summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and the possible consequences of the U.S. decision to withdraw from the Iran nuclear agreement.

Ms. Altstock played a key role as a staffer on the Congressional Task Force on Election Security, a task force established by Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI which I co-chaired with Rep. ROBERT BRADY (D-PA). She contributed greatly to the work of the Task Force, including assisting with writing the Task Force's final report and recommendations. Ms. Altstock was also instrumental in drafting H.R. 5011, the Election Security Act, which currently has co-sponsorship of over 100 Members of Congress. Ms. Altstock also contributed to over a half dozen Committee oversight hearings.

Throughout her time on the Committee, Ms. Altstock has displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing Members of the Committee and staff valuable insight and information. We thank Ms. Altstock for her service to the Committee and our country and wish her the very best as she returns to the U.S. Department of State.

### RECOGNIZING JOHN "LADDIE" LAWRENCE

#### HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John "Laddie" Lawrence. For 50 years, Laddie has coached cross country and track at Staples High School in Westport, CT.

Laddie began his career in track by helping found the Staples High School cross country team, and shortly thereafter won the 1964 State Open title in the 400-meter run. Following high school, Laddie attended Southern Arkansas University on full athletic scholarship, where he was the resident assistant for the university's first racially integrated dorm.

After his time at Southern Arkansas, Laddie returned to Westport and within ten years became the head coach of the Staples High School track and cross-country teams. Under his tenure, the Staples Wreckers have been a force to be reckoned with, tallying hundreds of wins that included a streak of 222 dual meet victories and only one loss. I am proud to say that Laddie's many victories and extensive legacy have earned him inductions into the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2002, the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004 and the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame in 2015.

In addition to his achievements as a coach, Laddie's influence extends to the thousands of student athletes whom he has coached. He has helped develop many Staples students into NCAA Division I athletes and productive, caring members of our community.

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